



“Pearl Harbor” Cast On Hand as Sailors Stay Navy

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PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (NNS) — In the final act of the movie “Pearl Harbor,” Col. Jimmy Doolittle (Alec Baldwin) forecast America’s place in World War II: “We might have lost the battle, but we’re gonna win this war. You know how I know? There’s just nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer.”

Twenty-one Sailors aboard USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74) exemplified that tradition May 18 when they volunteered to “Stay Navy” during a reenlistment ceremony on the carrier’s flight deck. Witnessing the ceremony were Pearl Harbor cast members Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett and Kate Beckinsale.

Captain Richard Gallagher, commanding officer of *John C. Stennis*, officiated the ceremony on the ship’s flight deck, overlooking the USS *Arizona* Memorial and the battleship USS *Missouri* (BB 63).

“We need to retain our best and brightest people,” explained Gallagher. “We are happy to keep these fine men and women in our Navy as we venture further into the new millennium.”

The Hollywood actors talked to the *Stennis* Sailors after performing the group reenlistment, signing autographs and swapping “sea stories.”

“It’s a big deal,” explained Affleck. “Some of these guys reenlisted for six years. Reenlisting for two years alone is a real substantial commitment.”

Afterward, the Sailors answered questions from media correspondents from around the world.

Stennis hosted the movie’s world premiere May 21 at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

“The chance to be involved in something of this size, not to mention the opportunity to meet with the stars and spend 10 days in Hawaii made this whole experience worth it,” said AK1 John Hunnicutt.

Journalist 3rd Class Nick Delacruz



“Pearl Harbor” movie producer Jerry Bruckheimer, center, and director Michael Bay, second from right, greet Everett Hyland, second from left and Herb Weatherwax, survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack.

Photo by Photographer’s Mate 1st Class Don Dinsmore

agreed. “The best part was knowing I played a part in this historic event and knowing that someday I can look back and say ‘I was there.’”

In reflecting on the aspects of what the movie portrays and the people who survived the attack, Information

Systems Technician 3rd Class Christopher Brookman said, “It’s important for the Navy to recognize the men and women who died for their country. They upheld the idea of freedom and the ideals of honor, courage and commitment.”

Navy Targets Ecstasy Abuse

By Journalist 1st Class Daniel Pearson, Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — In the war on drugs, the Navy has a powerful new enemy: the synthetic “club drug” known as “ecstasy.” Its increasing abuse among Sailors over the last few years is cause for concern.

As a result, Navy leadership is reminding all hands that illegal drug use of any kind is a force protection issue that affects mission performance and safety; ecstasy is dangerous; and the Navy is committed to the policy of zero tolerance of

illegal drug use.

While the actual number of Sailors who tested positive for ecstasy is relatively small, a disturbing trend is developing. Navy “positives” for ecstasy were 34 in FY98, 191 in FY99, and 238 in FY00.

According to Capt. John Jemionek, a member of the Navy’s Drug Working Group on Ecstasy Abuse, a misconception some Sailors have is that the Navy doesn’t

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Culture Change Needed to Sail Through 21st Century

By Journalist 3rd Class Terrance Medina, Naval Station Roosevelt Roads Public Affairs

ROOSEVELT ROADS, Puerto Rico (NNS) — Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Norb Ryan visited Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, recently to deliver a message — a message about how the Navy needs to change its culture to keep “seasoned veterans” on the job and to remain on the lookout for fresh talent.

“We need your continued help with recruiting,” said Ryan. “We know that we need to get good, young people out in the recruiting business. We’ve spent millions of dollars making sure that every recruiter has a laptop, a cellular phone and a car, but what we really need is our best people to get into recruiting, and we prefer E-4s and E-5s. When it comes time for shore duty, think of recruiting and think of the ‘Sailorization’ process, either as a recruiter, recruit division commander or a service school instructor.”

Ryan went on to say that being involved with Sailorization is not just good for the Navy, but good for the Sailor, too. Advancement boards for chiefs now take a close look at how

much time Sailors have spent recruiting and training other Sailors, in addition to their sea time.

This is just part of what Ryan called a “change in culture” — the first step away from the “draw down” mentality of the ‘90’s.

In the ‘90’s, everyone believed there were more people willing to serve the Navy than the Navy needed, which led to a spiraling decline in retention, according to Ryan.

“We’re determined to change that culture,” said Ryan, “and it won’t change because Norb Ryan or Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Jim Herdt wants it to change, but if our leadership sticks with it, it will change and it will make us better.”

But policy changes and number crunching aside, Ryan, the son of a Pennsylvania coal miner, said that the most important way to keep people in the Navy is the same thing that kept him in the Navy — making sure they love their job.

“Most of the people who stay in the Navy stay in because they love what

they do,” said Ryan. “They love the sense of mission, the sense of service that they get. They like the excitement, they like the variety. If I had stayed in my own hometown, I wouldn’t have been as challenged as I’ve been, seen what I’ve seen and I certainly wouldn’t have been able to serve with the types of people that I’ve met in the Navy.”

Those experiences are vital to shaping the future of both our country and our Sailors, said Ryan.

“Responsibility — you get it in the Navy,” said Ryan. “You get what I call a Ph.D. from the Navy — positive habit development, and that will serve you the rest of your life. That’s what almost any successful person in civilian society will tell you they got out of the Navy — positive habit development. You understand that you have to start with self and self-discipline. You learn things like perseverance, and you learn the importance of teamwork — things that people can go a lifetime without figuring out, you learn at a very young age in the military.”

EP-3 Heroes Receive Medals from SECDEF

By Journalist 1st Class Joseph Gunder, Navy News Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The 24 crewmembers of the downed EP-3 Aries were formally recognized for their heroic efforts May 18, during an awards ceremony at the Joint Services Open House at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

The pilot/mission commander, Lt. Shane Osborn, was presented the Distinguished Flying Cross for regaining control and safely landing the aircraft after it was struck by a Chinese F-8 aircraft. Osborn fought with the controls and landed the aircraft despite the loss of an engine, the nose radome, and all airspeed and altitude information.

Osborn was also awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his professionalism after the forced landing. He took charge of the situation in preparing the crew to encounter an armed

force. He continued to assert the rights of the U.S. government over the aircraft and refused to permit Chinese forces to board the plane until he was forced to do so.

The senior enlisted person aboard the plane, Senior Chief Aviation Machinist’s Mate (AW) Nicolas A. Mellos, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his professionalism in keeping the crew acting as a team during their 12-day detention period on Hainan Island. He established watchbill assignments, identified a chain of command for everyone to follow, and ensured that proper discipline was maintained and morale remained high in the face of a possible long-term detention period.

While Osborn received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the rest of the crew each received the Air Medal for

various tasks, including the execution of emergency procedures that ultimately saved the lives of everyone aboard.

The event was attended by Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton; and other distinguished guests.

“We honor you today and celebrate the fact that you returned home safely to your families and to your country,” said Rumsfeld. “Lt. Osborn, thanks to you and your fine crew, for your bravery and to your dedication to duty. We’re proud of you all.”

Rumsfeld continued, speaking to all members of the military, “For your service to our country, your sacrifices you make and the risks you take to defend our nation, we thank you and we honor you.”

Better Decisions Faster; What NMCI is All About

By Journalist 1st Class Joseph Gunder, Navy News Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) — “The combined knowledge of the Department of the Navy at your fingertips.” That’s one of the many new advantages the new Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) will bring to Sailors and Marines, according to Mr. Joseph R. Cipriano, program executive officer for information technology. Cipriano spoke to a group of military and civilian media recently in Crystal City, Va., to increase awareness of NMCI as it kicks into high gear.

NMCI promises to make information available to the ordinary Sailor or Marine on a level that will make their job and life in the military much easier.

“We’re giving Sailors on ships access to all we know on shore,” Cipriano said. “Up until now, access to that information has been limited. When NMCI is in place, all the knowledge, the databases and people will be in place to be available to Sailors on ships.”

“A Sailor who has got a broken pump could chat on line with a tech rep, or he could review tech manuals or get advice instantly,” said Cipriano. “In short, NMCI will help him make better decisions faster.”

According to Cipriano, once NMCI and the required web-based applications are implemented, members will be able to check their pay status on line, view personnel files and make copies, or research training materials to get themselves ready for advancement.

NMCI will only be implemented at Navy and Marine Corps shore installations, however, the option is also available to purchase deployable “seats,” which can be taken aboard ships or into the field. Seats don’t necessarily mean chairs or computers or even workstations per se, they simply refer to points where the information technology (IT) service and capability is rendered and maintained.

Networks and computers on ships fall under the IT-21 plan. IT-21, also known as Information Technology for the 21st Century, is a strategy to upgrade shipboard IT equipment Navywide with “state-of-the-shelf” hardware to keep current with industry. Fast IT systems will enable battle groups to share a common operational



picture in real time, and give them an edge over an adversary.

IT-21 will tie into NMCI as part of the Department of Defense’s efforts to reach information superiority under Joint Vision 2010, an initiative launched by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1996.

When an IT-21 capable ship pulls into port in the continental United States and selected sites outside the nation, it will be able to “plug in” to NMCI.

Shore-based military personnel will have to worry less about how the network is operating and be able to concentrate on their military duties.

“Instead of having Sailors maintaining LANs (local area networks), changing cards or lugging around PCs,” Cipriano said, “NMCI will return military members to performing core competencies (what they know best) and support the overall mission.”

Other members will be teamed with the Information Strike Force, a partnership of companies led by Texas-based Electronic Data Systems, in dedicated military billets where they will work side-by-side with network support personnel. There, they can expect to get advanced training and network certifications. Of those billets, 242 will be Navy and 251 will be Marine Corps personnel who will be stationed at six NMCI Network Operations Centers (NOCs) across the United States. The first two, in Norfolk, Va., and San Diego, will be on line in late May and will shortly begin operational testing.

Interested Sailors need to have

completed their first sea tour and should consult their detailer for more information.

Although most military members haven’t seen NMCI yet, Cipriano made assurances that changes will be more visible in the next few months as NMCI begins to assume responsibility for Navy and Marine Corps networks throughout the United States.

One of the first things the member might notice is a change in ownership of the network they’ve been working on. The network connection would be faster, have a higher level of reliability, and the user would have access to a support desk at one of the NOCs.

The next thing the user would notice is a commonality between workstations.

“It used to be where you and your friend would have the same version of an application and you could share files,” Cipriano said. “Suddenly, he upgrades to 4.0. Now he’s one step ahead of you. With NMCI, what works on your computer will work on everyone else’s. Everybody will be on the same level.”

Currently, NMCI has assumed responsibility for network administration at 29 sites, approaching 42,000 seats. These sites include the Naval Air Systems Command in Patuxent River, Md., and other commands in the naval aviation community. Cipriano expects to have NMCI fully implemented across the department by October 2003.

More information about NMCI can be found at <http://nmci.spawar.navy.mil>.

Navy Assists Coast Guard and U.S. Customs with Record Maritime Cocaine Seizure

By Journalist 1st Class(SW) Scott Sutherland, Naval Station San Diego Public Affairs

SAN DIEGO (NNS) — The U.S. Attorney's office in San Diego announced details about the largest cocaine bust in maritime history during a May 14 news conference.

The crew of the Coast Guard cutter *Active* (WMEC 618) seized more than 12 metric tons of cocaine — approximately 26,400 pounds — stashed aboard the 152-foot Belize-registered *Svesda Maru* fishing vessel about 1,500 miles south of San Diego on May 3.

A U.S. Navy Spruance-class destroyer with a Coast Guard law enforcement detachment (LEDET) from San Diego embarked was conducting counter-drug operations in the area.

The destroyer intercepted the vessel, which was manned by a crew of eight Ukrainians and two Russians. The LEDET boarded and began

searching the *Svesda Maru*.

Later, an *Active* boarding team arrived on scene, relieved the destroyer and the LEDET, and discovered the contraband. The suspect vessel was initially sighted by a U.S. Customs Service P-3 aircraft, and later identified by a Coast Guard C-130 aircraft.

With *Active* and the seized vessel as backdrops, Coast Guard Pacific Area commander Vice Adm. Ray Riutta and U.S. Attorney Gregory A. Vega spoke to the press about the record seizure.

"On the pier behind me is \$600 million in drugs that won't be entering this country, thanks to the brave men and women of many law enforcement agencies," said Riutta. "This is a textbook example of interagency cooperation that included the U.S. Customs Service, which

first spotted the vessel at sea south of Acapulco, the U.S. Navy, who initially stopped the vessel, and the crew of *Active*, whose crew discovered the contraband."

The recent cocaine seizure is the third by the Coast Guard in two weeks in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. Riutta said all the seizures netted nearly 37,000 pounds of cocaine.

According to the Coast Guard, the largest cocaine seizure prior to this case was 24,325 pounds in July 1995.

Meanwhile, Vega said the drugs seized aboard *Svesda Maru* were seclued in a hidden compartment.

Vega added that *Svesda Maru* was seized in waters "not traditionally known as a fishing area."



The smugglers face charges of smuggling on the high seas, which could result in life imprisonment.

(Editor's Note: The U.S. Navy ship is not named because the operational commander, as a policy matter, does not identify ships involved in maritime drug seizures due to force protection concerns.)

New Graduate Degree Program for Junior Officers

By Journalist 2nd Class Tom Peske, NR Naval Media Center, Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The first class of 13 naval officers graduated May 12 from a new two-year program designed to help junior officers gain a stronger understanding of executive management and strategic leadership. Known as the Navy Washington, D.C., Internship Program (NWIP), officers who attend this program return to the Navy as better leaders and also receive a master's degree in organizational management from George Washington University (GWU).

The graduation was marked by a ceremony at the Navy Memorial in downtown Washington, D.C.

The program is sponsored by the Chief of Naval Operations and is operated under the auspices of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Requirements and Programs, specifically, the director of naval training and education, Dr. Allen Zeman. The program is designed to strengthen the intellectual and operational depth of today's naval officers.

During the 21-month

program, participating officers work as interns on senior executive branch staffs in the Washington, D.C., area while attending classes at GWU. The program allows interns to learn about civilian approaches to organizational problem solving and apply it to the Navy's needs.

Professors from GWU incorporated Navy experiences into the curriculum to help make the lessons more valuable.

NWIP is running on a continuous basis, with a new class of 15 O-3/O-4

unrestricted line warfare-qualified officers forming each year. The program's courses focus on planned change, strategic management, leadership in complex organizations, managerial economics and conflict management.

The initial class was drawn from naval officers serving in the Washington, D.C., area and represented a variety of designators.

"The Navy's Washington, D.C., Intern Program provides a superb

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test for ecstasy.

"Navy drug laboratories screen all military samples for the presence of ecstasy," according to Jemionek. He added that the Navy has also asked commercial vendors to develop an improved screening method to detect the drug, and that several new testing reagents are currently awaiting government approval.

"Navy drug laboratories will be introducing a more sensitive screening procedure to improve the detection of ecstasy at least three-fold," Jemionek explained.

In addition to enforcement of the Navy's "zero-tolerance" drug policy, the Navy is also increasing its efforts to educate Sailors and Navy leadership about the dangers and consequences of ecstasy abuse.

"Clearly, there is a need to get Sailors information on the health hazards of ecstasy abuse, the legal consequences of ecstasy abuse and the Navy Drug Screening Lab's capability to detect ecstasy through urinalysis," said Bill Flannery, head of the Navy's drug detection and deterrence branch.

To that end, the Navy will actively engage the chain of command at all levels, from work center supervisors to commanding officers, in a campaign to make everyone aware of the physical dangers and disciplinary ramifications of any illegal drug use, and to remind them that drug testing is an active, mandatory program.

The Navy's zero-tolerance policy on drugs is working, as the number of positive urinalysis results Navywide has dropped from 3.57 percent in FY85 to .78 percent in FY00.

Illegal drug use is simply incompatible with naval service, and Sailors who test positive will be discharged under adverse circumstances.

"The risks associated with ecstasy abuse are too great, relative to your career, to your safety and to readiness," Jemionek asserted. "It's a matter of safety — yours and your shipmates. Don't accept the risk."

Further information on ecstasy can be found at <http://navdweb.spawar.navy.mil> or by contacting the Navy's Drug Detection and Deterrence Branch at (901) 874-4240 or DSN 882.

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opportunity for some outstanding junior officers to get a master's degree from George Washington University, a world-renowned institution of higher learning," said Zeman. "During their rotations, D.C. interns get intimate experience in policy development and decision making at the highest levels of government. I am extremely proud of this program, the graduates and the performance of the George Washington faculty. Every officer should, someday, have such an opportunity for professional personal growth."

This Week on Navy/Marine Corps News

This week's show comes to you from the deck of USS *Leyte Gulf* (CG 55) in Norfolk, Va.:

- Andrews Air Force Base is open to the public for it's annual Joint Service Open House to celebrate Armed Forces Day;
- See how Naval Station Norfolk has increased the security of its ships and Sailors;
- One of these Army Rangers is not like the others, find out who and why;
- See how the Marine Corps is finding ways to reenlist a reliable weapons system for another 15 years.

Compiled on tape #2001-22, the show is on its way to the fleet now.

In Naval History:

- May 28, 1980: The first women midshipmen graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy. Fifty-five women were part of the academy's 770-member Class of 1980.

- May 29, 1956: The designation system was modified to allow the use of the suffix "N" to identify ships propelled by nuclear energy (SSN, CVN).

- May 30, 1937: A contract was issued by the Navy to the Martin Company for the XBPM-1 flying boat patrol plane. The plane was the initial prototype of the PBM Mariner series of flying boats used during and after World War II.

- May 31, 1900: At the request of the U.S. minister in Peking, China, naval reinforcements arrived to protect foreign diplomatic missions from a xenophobic mass movement. An American contingent of 48 Marines and five Bluejackets arrived via USS *Newark* at the mouth of the Pei-Ho River along with forces from Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and Russia.

- June 1, 1954: The steam catapult is tested for the first time on USS *Hancock* (CV 19).

- June 2, 1941: The Navy commissioned USS *Long Island* (CVE 1), the first escort carrier. Originally designated AVG 1, the ship was a flush-deck carrier converted in 67 working days from the cargo ship Mormacmail. Escort carriers were like mini-aircraft carriers; they gave force commanders the flexibility and speed of a cruiser combined with the punch of sea-based air power without jeopardizing the more costly heavy carriers.

- June 3, 1785: Congress authorized the sale of the last ship of the Continental Navy, the frigate *Alliance*. Strapped for money and lacking a clear foe from the sea since defeating the British in 1781, Congress allowed the sale to go through. For the next nine years, the United States would be without a navy.

For more information about naval history, go to www.history.navy.mil.

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